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Disgust as pet dog is shot in the face

A DOG owner has expressed her disgust after her pet was shot in the face in her back garden.

Bruce, a 3-year-old French Mastiff, had to have a pellet removed from his left cheek after it became lodged underneath the skin.

His owner Caron Byrne, of Mill Hill, Haverhill, is dismayed that someone targeted the animal while it sat in the garden at her home.

She said: "When I take him out for walks he's always on a lead. The only other time they're outside is in the garden."

"The worst thing is that it happened when he was sitting just outside our home."

Caron discovered Bruce's injury after stroking him and feeling the blood on his face. Her son James, 26, removed the pellet and the animal has now made a full recovery.

Caron also has another French Mastiff, Blossom, and two black and white cats Vieira and Vinnie.

She adopted Bruce and Blossom from a home in Bristol just a few months ago after finding the pair in an online advert.

The 45-year-old has always kept animals at home, and said it has not been the first time that one of them has come home with an injury from an air rifle.

She has lived in Mill Hill for 12 years.

Caron said: "My dogs don't even bark when somebody comes to the door. My partner's grandson who's 3 comes and plays with them and rides on their backs

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like horses.

"I walk them when there's hardly anyone around in the evening or early morning because people get spooked by the size of them."

A police spokesman said: "Crimes such as this are extremely cruel to the animal concerned and could have resulted in more serious injuries."

"We would appeal to anyone with information about this incident to come forward and we will be pursuing all lines of enquiry."

The incident happened between 8am and 2pm on December 18.

Anyone who witnessed any suspicious behaviour in the area, or who has information relating to this incident, is asked to contact PC Rupert Beynon at Haverhill Police Station on 101.

You can also call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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CELEBRATE the New Year with some of cinema's biggest stars in director Steve McQueen's latest release.

12 Years A Slave follows the story of Solomon Northup, a free black musician living in mid-19th century New York.

The film, McQueen's follow-up to *Hunger and Shame*, is based on Northup's memoir, originally published in 1853.

Northup is lured to Washington on the promise of some work, but is instead kidnapped, chained and sold by a slave trader (Paul Giannetti) to a plantation owner William Ford, played by Benedict Cumberbatch.

He later falls into the possession of Edwin Epps, a sadistic racist, played by Michael Fassbender, before a Canadian carpenter (Brad Pitt) offers the black musician a glimmer of hope for the future.

First prize in our competition is a pair of tickets to see *12 Years A Slave* at Haverhill Cineworld and a goodie bag of movie merchandise. Three runners up will also win a pair of tickets.

To have a go, answer the following question.

Which actor stars in 12 Years A Slave as Solomon Northup?



- A. Morgan Freeman
 B. Chiwetel Ejiofor
 C. Idris Elba
 D. Dwight Henry

Email your entries to editorial@haverhillweeklynews.co.uk by 5pm on January 9.
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Teacher's MBE for work in transforming reading

A TEACHER is being recognised for her work in helping children learn to read.

Sue Lloyd, of Helions Bumpstead, is being awarded an MBE in the New Year Honours List for her services to education.

When Mrs Lloyd, 70, was teaching reception class at Woods Loke Primary School, Lowestoft, in the 1970s the school decided to change one of their methods in a bid to help children who were underachieving.

They switched from the 'Look and Say' method of learning to read, where children are expected to look and memorise words, to using synthetic phonics – which teaches the letter sounds first.

Mrs Lloyd said: "It's a great honour – I am very pleased and I hope it [the award] will do some good for children."

When synthetic phonics was introduced, Mrs Lloyd and her fellow reception teachers noticed an immediate improvement in their pupils' reading standards.

Despite this, it has been a battle to get this method of learning implemented into Government policy and used correctly in other schools across the country.

Mrs Lloyd said: "It's still a new thing, but I am hoping that this honour will bring more understanding that if you do the right things in the beginning when you are teaching children, we can ensure that all children learn to read.

"It was a long time ago that the



HONOUR: Sue Lloyd is receiving an MBE for her hard work.

school I was teaching at changed, and it's taken a long time."

Mrs Lloyd has hailed synthetic phonics as the "obvious" way to learn to read, as the use of letter sounds goes along with learning to write.

She has also written a hand book about synthetic phonics after meeting publisher Christopher Jolly in the 1990s, who had his own interests in how the English language worked.

The teacher later became involved in creating the Jolly Phonics and Jolly Grammar programme.

Mrs Lloyd said: "There are still a lot of children who are being failed – we have got to make sure they learn the letter sounds and learn to put them together.

"Once children start to fail, it becomes more difficult to pick them back up."

Call for unwanted Christmas presents

A CHARITY is calling for donations for its stores. St Nicholas Hospice Care is asking for unwanted Christmas presents to sell in nine shops across West Suffolk and Thetford. Anyone trying to put unwanted gifts to a better use should consider giving them to the hospice. The charity's retail team is also asking anyone who is updating their furniture to think about donating their old items. The hospice can sell clothes, good quality sofas, chairs, tables as well as other home furnishings and bric-a-brac.

Van drivers are also available to collect items if required. Ian Daniels, St Nicholas Hospice Care head of retail, said: "If you have any unwanted gifts we would be very grateful to have them in our shops, as well as any furniture. "If you have been clearing out your old clothes, we would be delighted to receive them. Even old and tatty textiles, which cannot be sold, can be recycled and also raise funds for the hospice." Donations can be made at the hospice's shops in Haverhill, Bury St Edmunds, Sudbury, Thetford, Mildenhall, Newmarket and Brandon.

A new dedicated donations centre has also been opened at Oaklands Park, on Rougham Hill, Bury St Edmunds. It is open 8am until 4pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 8am until 3.30pm on Saturday. For more information or to inquire about collections, call 01284 747622.

Visit stnicholashospicecare.org.uk/shops for more information.

Baby makes an entrance at school awards night



NEW ARRIVAL: Evie-Mae pictured with mum Billieann, above, and below with dad Stan and sister Jade, 16



A MUM-of-four had a very different Christmas from the one she expected when her baby daughter arrived ahead of schedule.

Billieann Monk went into labour six days early during an awards evening at Samuel Ward Academy, Haverhill.

Less than two hours later, little Evie-Mae was born weighing 6lbs 6oz.

Billieann, 36, said: "I was worried about having her on Christmas Day, so it was nice that she was there with us to celebrate."

The bundle of joy shocked her parents and sisters with her arrival on December 17, only 15 minutes after mum Billieann arrived at West Suffolk Hospital.

The 36-year-old was at Samuel Ward that night to watch daughter Jade, 16, receive an award.

Shortly after the event started, she felt contractions.

Billieann said: "I was halfway out of the hall when my waters broke."

After calling her husband Stan, 42, Samuel Ward staff lay Billieann on the floor and followed the instructions of 999 staff until an ambulance arrived.

The mum-of-four, who also has Roseanna, 7, and Cerys, 14, was rushed to West Suffolk Hospital

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in Bury St Edmunds by ambulance.

There were complications as little Evie-Mae, who now weighs 6lbs 8oz, had had her first bowel movement – meconium – when she was still in the womb.

This meant that she was in distress, and was in danger as the meconium could have passed into her lungs.

She was checked at two-hour intervals through the night, and was sent home to Church Park, Stoke-by-Clare, the next day with a clean bill of health.

Billieann said: "I really do believe that if the women from Samuel Ward hadn't laid me down on the floor I would have had her a lot quicker."

"The whole thing was a whirlwind – it seemed very quick compared to my other girls."

"I expected to be late like I was with the others – it was a relief to get her here before Christmas."

Evie-Mae has spent her first few weeks being pampered by her family and other visitors over the festive period.

"She's been a good baby so far – and her sisters love her to bits," she added.

Club's lotto is biggest to date

MEMBERS of a local club could start 2014 with a jackpot win.

A weekly lotto takes place at Haverhill's Ex-Servicemen's Club every Sunday – but a rollover means that the pot is now worth £5,400.

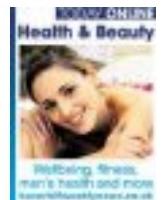
The stakes are the highest to date and more than 600 people took part in the last draw.

Steve Russell, club secretary, said: "The last time it was won was in June, and the last big win we had was £4,300.

"It's the highest it's ever been, and it's the highest turnover we've ever had."

It's a £1 to play the lotto, and there is a draw of three numbers between one and 24.

The game is for members only. Visit hesmc.co.uk for more information about the club.



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New heart health advice for women

THE first ever virtual 'Women's Room' has been launched by a charity to raise awareness of heart disease in females and to offer support.

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7,500 die from the disease every year in the region.

Of those annual deaths, 100 are in Cambridge, 100 in East Cambridgeshire, 80 in Forest Heath, 150 in Huntingdonshire, 210 in North Hertfordshire, 140 in South Cambridgeshire, 150 in St Edmundsbury and 80 in Uttlesford.

The British Heart Foundation (BHF) has created an online hub featuring stories of women living with heart disease, advice to help women adjust to life with a heart condition, and information about keeping your heart healthy.

Maureen Talbot, senior cardiac nurse at the BHF, said: "Coronary heart disease kills nearly three times as many women as breast cancer.

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HARD WORK: Pupils from New Cangle Primary School with Lynn Lansdown and headmistress Lyn Beale.

Collection is on its way to Philippines

A COLLECTION of aid to help those in need in the Philippines has started its journey from Haverhill.

Grandmother Lynn Lansdown organised a collection through New Cangle Primary School only days after Typhoon Haiyan struck the country in November last year.

After weeks of hard work collecting wash items, clothes and canned food for those in need, the pallets containing the

donations have been sent away.

Their estimated date of arrival is the middle of January. Lynn said: "I am so happy that it's all gone. "A big thank you to everyone at Gurteens, Westrope and at the school – we couldn't have done it without them. "It's amazing how many people have done something for nothing."

Father in drugs case avoids jail sentence

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A DAD-of-three who has been living in a tent after police found drugs in his home has avoided an immediate prison sentence.

Wayne Pearce, 33, pleaded guilty to possession of cannabis with intent to supply and possession of cocaine with intent to supply.

Police entered the flat he shared with his partner and three children in July last year and discovered 10 wraps of cannabis and six wraps of cocaine, with a street value of between £350 and £400.

The 33-year-old told police where to look for the box of drugs, and said he had only been looking after it for a mate for a few hours.

James Earle, mitigating, said that Pearce had been co-operative from the start and pleaded guilty at the earliest opportunity.

He added that the dad's motive was financial.

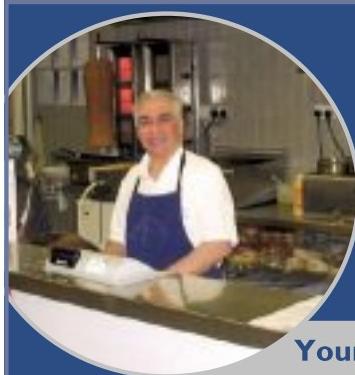
Mr Earle said: "He has already suffered substantially from his own folly."

Judge John Holt said he accepted that Pearce was only a custodian of the drugs in exchange for payment, but said his role had been "significant".

Pearce, of no fixed address in Haverhill, was sentenced to 18 months in jail, suspended for two years at Ipswich Crown Court on December 18.

He was also ordered to carry out 200 hours of unpaid community work, and will be under Probation Service supervision for two years.

Judge Holt said: "You have been given a chance. If you throw it away you will be serving 18 months. Next time you are tempted think of your children."



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DONATION: Staff from Lloyds and the community projects with the cheque.

Cash for some good causes

VOLUNTEERS at some of Haverhill's community projects are starting 2014 with smiles on their faces. The town's foodbank and furniture bank are sharing £3,000 of funding donated by the Lloyds Bank Community Fund Awards.

The projects were nominated by staff at the local branch of Lloyds and

had to go through a vetting process before making it to the final four for the St Edmundsbury area. Sam Hellen, Customer Service Manager for Haverhill, said the projects were chosen because they do such a good job locally. Public voting took place in October via text, online poll and in branch to determine

who would win. Henry Wilson, Projects Director at REACH Community Projects, said: "I was really pleased just to get nominated, so to make it to the final four - we were so pleased."

"It meant that we were guaranteed to get at least £300, so to get £3000 is fantastic."

Traffic plan: We need more time

PLANS to direct traffic flow out of Haverhill High Street have been criticised.

An Experimental Traffic Regulation Order which will make part of Camps Road one-way is set to start in the town centre early this year.

But county councillor Tony Brown has spoken out against the trial saying it is not what Haverhill wants or needs.

At a meeting of Suffolk County Council on December 19, Cllr Brown, for Haverhill East and Kedington, called for more consultation with residents to understand how the diverted traffic would affect other streets.

A loading bay on Mill Road is also going to be moved 7m south of its current position, and one of the street's disabled bays will be relocated to

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Camps Road.

Other areas affected include Swan Lane, Recreation Road and Helions Park Avenue.

Cllr Brown said: "It's not just going to have an impact on the centre - it's going to have an impact on the whole town."

The plan, which has the support of local police officers and Haverhill Town Council, is expected to reduce traffic in the High Street by 60 per cent.

Currently, the road is supposed to be pedestrianised only between 10am and 4pm - but this rule is continuously getting broken.

A solution to the problem of

unwanted traffic in the High Street, Cllr Brown says, would be to employ a traffic warden.

He said: "I am fully behind what this is trying to achieve, but there's other ways to achieve that."

"We want someone that's going to enforce the existing regulations - I think that's the way forward."

A spokesman for Suffolk County Council confirmed that an informal consultation will take place in January and that the scheme should be implemented towards the end of February.

Other county councillors and town councillors expressed their support for the scheme, but have voiced their own worries too about the impact on nearby residential areas.

Have your say on shaping health care

PATIENTS, family carers and members of the public are being invited to have a say on shaping their healthcare services.

The next community engagement group (CEG) meeting for West Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is being held in Bury St Edmunds on January 10.

Members of the CEG play a vital role in ensuring that public views on healthcare in West Suffolk are heard.

Anne Nicholls, CEG chairman, said: "The community engagement group both informs and influences the decision and planning process for health services in West Suffolk."

"It is important that people give their views so that the CCG can commission the right health services which meet the needs of local people."

The last meeting was held in Haverhill on November 11. The group meets in different locations across West Suffolk.

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A bit of a jumble for St Nicholas Hospice

A JUMBLE sale has raised hundreds for hospice care.

The event, held at Haverhill Arts Centre, raised £365 for St Nicholas Hospice Care.

Jordan Hughes, St Nicholas

Hospice Care Community

Fundraiser, said: "Thank you to Helen Barker and Mary Argent of Haverhill Arts Centre for organising this event and thank you to everyone who went to the sale and bought something."

"Donations such as this will help to support local people facing life-shortening illnesses and their families."

The hospice is set to open a new outreach centre in Haverhill, to provide for patients without them having to travel to the main site in Bury St Edmunds.

The Burton Centre, on Camps Road, will be transformed to offer counselling, bereavement support, advice, complementary therapies, faith networks, group support for patients and carers and a drop-in centre.

It is expected to open in spring this year.

Your Pictures



■ Graham Ferris, of Marcus Close, Haverhill, sent us this dramatic photograph which he took on the Isle of Wight in 2011.
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DONATION: Mary Argent and Helen Barker from Haverhill Arts Centre hand over the cheque for £365.

■ YOUNGSTERS from Haverhill's scout and guide troops have taken a step forward in reaching their fundraising target.

The members took part in a bag pack at Sainsbury's Haverhill on the Sunday before Christmas in a bid to add to the total needed to restore their headquarters building in Colne Valley Road.

Their hard work with Christmas shoppers made £1,591.85.

Around £40,000 has been raised towards the project already but £60,000 is needed for the first stage of building work to start. The group is aiming to raise £130,000 in total.

Debbie Hodges, Explorer Scouts Leader, said: "The bag packing went really well, and we'd like to thank everyone who supported us."

Sainsbury's, on Haycocks Road, is supporting the Headquarters Rebuilding Fund as the charity of the year.

Man, 27, sent foul texts to teenager, court is told

A MAN has escaped a prison term despite breaching an order forbidding him from contacting a 16-year-old girl.

Mark Butler, 27, of Somerset Court, Haverhill, was charged with breaching a restraining order, which was made early last year.

Ipswich Crown Court heard that Butler was sentenced in March 2013 for harassment, and the order was imposed.

Peter Gair, prosecuting, said that the young girl received a text message on her phone which she found upsetting and contained foul language and which she believed to have been sent by Butler.

This incident was on August 11.

More texts and messages on Facebook followed, and though they did not bear Butler's name it was apparent to the girl that they had come from him.

Mr Gair added that the messages had been written with the intention

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of causing the teenager distress, and the girl had been seriously affected psychologically.

Butler was arrested on August 14, and pleaded guilty to breaching a restraining order in November.

He has spent four months in custody awaiting sentence.

Jonathan Goodman, mitigating, said that the 27-year-old has no previous convictions.

Mr Recorder Jeremy Benson QC sentenced Butler to four months imprisonment, suspended for two years.

He has also been placed under the supervision of the probation service for two years and the restraining order is still in force.

Mr Recorder Benson said: "Any breach of a court order is taken very seriously."

Butler was sentenced on December 20.



PERFORMANCE: Pupils from The Ballet Shoe Workshop.

Christmas show is a treat for pupils and parents

BUDGING dancers welcomed in the festive season with a performance filled with dance delights.

More than 100 pupils from The Ballet Shoe Workshop, run by Alison Law, put on a showcase of routines, including classical ballet, contemporary and street dance performances, for their parents and friends. This year's theme was dancing by numbers, and each routine was linked to a number.

Alison, principal, said: "The children always love to perform for their friends and family and work really hard each week rehearsing their routines."

The annual Christmas show took place on December 1 at Castle Manor Academy and pupils aged from 3 to 24 took part. Call 07821197107 or email balletshoeworkshop@yahoo.co.uk for more information.



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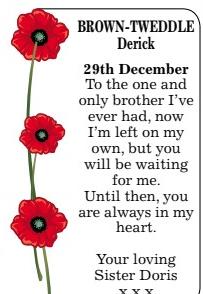


Deaths

JAMES Peter
(Pete) James of Haverhill, died tragically on Sunday, 15th December, 2013, aged 26 years. Beloved husband of Lucy, much loved son of Susan and Ian, dearest brother to Ian and dear grandson to Pat & Len. Service at The Old Independent Church, Haverhill on Tuesday, 7th January, 2014, at 12.30pm. Family flowers only please, but if wished donations for Suffolk Accident Rescue Service may be sent c/o H. J. Paintin Ltd., 60 Withersfield Road, Haverhill, Suffolk, CB9 9HE.

KILLIAN, WESTLAKE Irene

of Haverhill and formerly of Great Wrating, died on Thursday, 19th December, 2013, aged 73 years. A dearly loved mother and nan. Funeral Service at Great Wrating Parish Church on Wednesday, 8th January, 2014, at 12.30pm, followed by interment in the Churchyard. Family flowers only please, but if wished, donations for Alzheimer's Society or Cancer Research UK may be sent c/o H. J. Paintin Ltd., 60 Withersfield Road, Haverhill, Suffolk, CB9 9HE.



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Could you offer a home to this very cuddly cat?

KITTENS and cats under the care of the Haverhill and Stour Valley branch of Cats Protection are looking for a home – and *Haverhill Weekly News* is doing its bit to help.

This week, a home is wanted for ginger male cat Hoby – a feline so cuddly, he's been described by fosters as a "teddy bear".

The 3-year-old cat is looking forward to joining a family with older children, and perhaps another cat too.

A spokesman for the Cats Protection said: "He is extremely affectionate and friendly and gets along well with other cats, but would rather be rehomed somewhere without dogs."

If you can help, email contactcats1@gmail.com. Adoption fee is £55 per cat.

Warning over 'police' scam

FRAUDSTERS posing as police officers have scammed people in Suffolk out of more than £30,000.

Residents are being warned to remain vigilant after five people have been struck by con men and women in the county since August.

Scammers ring an elderly victim, telling them they are a police officer investigating fraud on their bank account or working for the victim's bank and proceed to ask for account information.

If the resident becomes suspicious, the offender tells them to call 999 to ask for confirmation.

The victim then calls the police, but does not realise that the offender has not hung up so goes straight through to them again.

In some cases a female offender comes on the line and verifies the so-called officer's details.

LIZZY BUCHAN

The caller is then handed back to the original offender who obtains the victims details.

In other cases victims have been told a courier will be sent round to collect their bank card or have been asked to go to their bank to withdraw large amounts of money which is collected by courier.

Alan Osborne, community safety manager for Suffolk Police, said: "Fraudsters will try every way possible to scam money out of people and this

Officers are reminding those reporting the crime to allow five minutes to clear before calling from your landline.

If possible, please use an alternative line.

If you have been a victim call police on 101 or 999 if you are vulnerable and need police assistance.

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Chiefs correct claims about cat rescue

FIRE chiefs have corrected claims that a crew drove more than 15 miles to come to the aid of an animal.

A crew from Haverhill were reported as driving to School Street, Sudbury, to rescue a cat which was trapped in a building on Boxing Day morning at 9.20am.

Suffolk Fire and Rescue service confirmed that they received a call about a cat stuck in a building – but mistakenly said the crew was Haverhill based.

Later in the morning, they said the crew was based in Sudbury.

A fire officer who attended

the incident, commented on the service Facebook page after a number of users raised questions. He too confirmed the crew was from Sudbury.

One user said: "No way would Haverhill get to Sudbury and back to station in 25 minutes, did Haverhill attend or was it a mistake?"

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Will you try to kick the habit in 2014?

SMOKERS can take advantage of free services available in a bid to quit for new year.

Live Well Suffolk has been working with six pharmacies in and around Haverhill to provide free and practical advice for those trying to quit.

These pharmacies include Boots on the High Street, David Holland, the Co-op on Mill Road, the Christmas Maltings pharmacy, Sainsbury's and Tesco.

Floyd Croll, Live Well Suffolk Community Health Coach, said: "Quitting is tough, and we don't want people to think that just because they've tried and failed in the past, they can't try again."

"By taking advantage of the free support that is available from your local pharmacy or GP you're four times more likely to quit than if you go it alone."

For more on stop smoking support visit livewellsuffolk.org.uk or call on 01473 229292.

New term brings a fresh start for brave Savannah

DEBRA FOX talks to one mother about her battle for the very best education for her daughter

MOST teenagers dread having to go back to school after the Christmas holidays.

But for one 15-year-old, this new term has been a long time coming.

Savannah Hanlon has been out of school since May 2013 after her autism made it impossible to continue learning in mainstream school.

After months of fighting to get her daughter the appropriate education, mum Wendy is starting 2014 with a weight off her shoulders.

Wendy said: "I nearly did give up because it was so stressful and was making me ill – but I'm glad I didn't."

The mother and daughter, who live in Queensway, Haverhill, have recently been through a tribunal with Suffolk County Council to get Savannah into the school which they believed she

needed.

Savannah, who previously attended Castle Manor Academy, should be in Year 11 – but when she starts at her new school it will be back in Year 10.

Her absence means she has missed a key period of secondary education and preparation for GCSEs.

The 15-year-old will start at Gretton School in Girton, Cambridge on January 7 – but she will have to board there during the week because her educational needs are now so severe.

Wendy, 39, said: "The mum in me doesn't want that, but it's what has got to happen at this stage in her life."

As well as attending classes, Savannah will enjoy leisure time with her classmates to help improve her social skills – which are hampered by her high functioning autism.



FRESH START: Savannah, right, and mum Wendy

Symptoms of the disorder include lack of interaction skills, little understanding of abstract uses of language and strong reactions to textures, smells, sounds and sights.

"She knows it's the best thing for her, but she has been put off school so much," said Wendy.

"Castle Manor were brilliant and they really got involved and did everything they could – Savannah just wants to fit in with everyone else."

The teenager was given a huge confidence boost at the end of last year when she won the youth section of a photography competition, held at East Town Park.

Savannah's close up shot of a cardinal beetle scooped her a tutorial with wildlife pho-

tographer Colin Edwards, also of Haverhill.

She said: "When I am taking photos I am so focused on the subject that all my worries go to the back of my mind."

"When I have managed to get a good photograph it makes me feel proud."

Savannah says she is able to "lose herself" in her photography and have complete control over what she does – an important factor for an autism sufferer.

The local authority recommended Churchill Special School, based at Samuel Ward Academy, for the teenager – but Wendy argued that it would be counter-productive for her daughter to learn alongside mainstream pupils when she could not interact

with them.

A spokesman for the county council said that there was a school place available for the 15-year-old during her time of non-attendance.

He said: "We can confirm that Ms Hanlon has exercised her right to appeal to the independent SEN and Disability Tribunal regarding her daughter's educational needs, the provision to meet those needs and the school placement identified in her daughter's Statement of Special Educational Needs.

"Having considered both written and verbal evidence on behalf of the parent and Suffolk County Council, the Tribunal ordered that Ms Hanlon's daughter should attend Gretton School."

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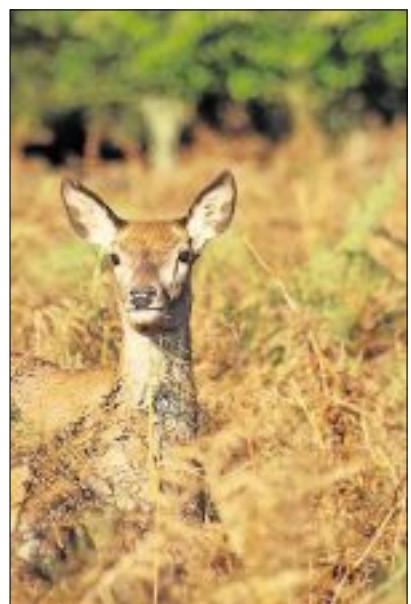
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AWARD-WINNING: Savannah's pictures of a snow drop at East Town Park, left, and a deer in Bushy Park.



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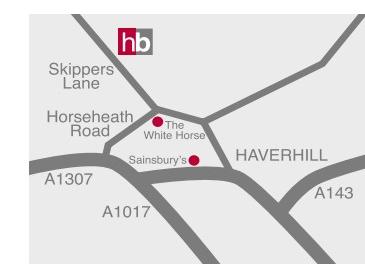
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Meet the candidates for town and borough slots

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ELECTIONS are being held next week to fill the casual vacancy on Haverhill Town Council, and St Edmundsbury Borough Council.

Both positions, for Haverhill East, were previously held by the late Les Ager, who died in October 2013 following a battle with lymphoma.

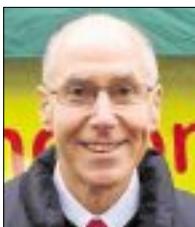
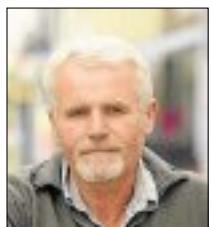
Polling will be between 7am and 10pm at Chalkstone Community Centre, East Town Park and Haverhill Arts Centre next Thursday.

Paul Firman, for UKIP, Ken Rolph, for Liberal Democrat and Liz Smith, for Labour, are the candidates for the town council vacancy.

Paul Firman has recently switched from Conservative to UKIP in a bid to take action and "get things done in the town".

Mr Firman, who has lived in Haverhill his whole life, said: "I would like to get involved with the evening events and we need to improve our transport system."

"The health care is terrible,



CANDIDATES: From left, Tony Brown, Liz Smith, Patrick Hanlon, David Roach and Ken Rolph

and the waiting lists to see a doctor are abysmal – hopefully I can make some sort of change."

Mr Firman has also run a fruit and vegetable stall in the High Street for 26 years.

Labour candidate Liz Smith has lived in Haverhill for more than 10 years and also works in the local area.

If elected, she plans to work hard on representing the voices of all residents and addressing their concerns.

She said: "I am particularly interested in the improvement of healthcare provision, transport links and would like to see any future developments provide facilities for the

most vulnerable in our community."

County councillor Tony Brown, for UKIP, is standing for the borough seat while town councillors Pat Hanlon and David Roach have also put themselves forward for their respective parties.

Mr Rolph, who will also stand as the Lib Dem candidate for the borough on January 9, previously stood for a county seat in the latest election in May 2013, taking almost 12 per cent of the vote for Haverhill East and Kedington.

He has also run for a borough seat in the past.

Cllr Hanlon, former town

mayor, said: "If I am elected onto the borough council I will stop any further cuts that affect all the people of Haverhill."

"When I was last on the borough council I was part of the Labour group that negotiated a £10million subsidy towards the cinema complex, because I believe we should invest in Haverhill especially with 27,000 people."

"In 10 years we will be the same size as Bury is now."

If elected, Cllr Brown will focus on campaigning for better transport for the town, including a better bypass and the return of a railway link and work to combat cuts and

plans for Haverhill's future.

He added that he will "fight for Haverhill at all times, and push for an equal deal for our town".

Cllr Roach, for Conservative, has lived in Haverhill since 1986 and currently represents the town's North ward.

He said: "Now that I have time I want to devote it to supporting our town and its growth and development.

"I want it to be a place that people can aspire to coming to and for our youth to stay and grow. We have a great town and a good location. I would like the opportunity to be part of the driving force to make things happen."

Boost for county's schools

PUPILS from "disadvantaged" backgrounds in West Suffolk have received funding to help them reach their full potential.

Schools in the area have been allocated more than £2.9 million for 2014/15 in Pupil Premium funding.

This funding is given to schools to support their "disadvantaged" pupils and close the attainment gap between them and their peers.

West Suffolk MP Matthew Hancock has welcomed the news.

He said: "This is excellent news for disadvantaged pupils and their families in West Suffolk and will give local schools the support they need to ensure that every child, regardless of their background, can fulfil their potential."

West Suffolk will have received £7,315,000 in this kind of funding between 2011 and 2015.

Pupil Premium across the country will rise to £2.5 billion in 2014/15.

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Vote Liz Smith for Town Council

Liz is married with two grown up children. She works locally as a teacher in adult learning. Liz moved to Haverhill 10 years ago and loves how welcoming the town is.



Vote Pat Hanlon for Borough Council

Pat has lived in Haverhill for nearly 39 years and is retired. He has been a town councillor for 9 years, is the Chair of Haverhill Autism Support Group, a trustee for the Cangle Trust and also for Haverhill Arts Centre. Pat loves Haverhill's community spirit.



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LOOKING AHEAD: Cllr Roger André, above left, MP Matthew Hancock, above, and Henry Wilson, left



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So what will the New Year bring?

WHAT do you think 2014 will bring? Here's what some local figures think.

Cllr Roger André, mayor of Haverhill, said: "2013 was a splendid year for our community with many more of our residents and visitors participating in our hugely successful community events."

"The summer events were particularly well supported and highlighted our unique capacity to enrich the life of our community."

"Progress on the Neighbourhood Community Budget has engaged our entire community and has set the standard for national implementation of similar schemes."

He added: "Our long labours on meeting the needs of young people in our community are coming to fruition with the imminent development of the Youth Hub, on the Camps Road site."

"We are forging ahead with initiatives to address deprivation in our community – the promotion of the Credit Union, extending free school meal take-up and extending free childcare all contribute to improving lives in our community and all are progressing well."

"Our schools are expanding and improving through partnerships across the curriculum. 2014 is set to be a year of success for Haverhill and our wider community."

Henry Wilson, Project

towns and villages. It is so important to me that I hear people's views and you always learn the most face to face.

"The jobs fairs were especially encouraging. As well as the jobs on offer there were also a lot of opportunities for apprentices."

"Getting to meet many of them at West Suffolk College or the British Horseracing School was fantastic and seeing so many young people passionate about learning a trade, whilst doing a real job is inspiring. I cannot wait to meet more in 2014 as we've got a lot in the pipeline to make apprenticeships even better and more accessible."

"It will be an exciting year for young people looking to start their career, whether it is in engineering, accountancy or anything in between."

"My top priority is always representing West Suffolk, so I will keep pushing next year for more investment in transport, health and education as well as to keep taxes down."

"Speaking to people I get the sense that the better economic news we've seen recently is starting to be felt. We've still got a long way to go, but I think we are going in the right direction."

"Being West Suffolk's MP is an honour and if you ever have any concerns please don't hesitate to contact me, I will do what I can to help. In the mean time, I wish everyone a very happy New Year."



Haverhill Ex-Servicemens Club



'Treasure' club which all can enjoy

IF your New Year's resolution was to get out more, make new friends and have fun, then the Haverhill Ex-Servicemen's Club is the answer.

In fact, if you live in Haverhill and you aren't already a member, you're missing out.

What most people don't realise is that you don't have to be ex-service – or a man – to join. The club in fact welcomes men, women, children and families,

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and is one of the best local places for live entertainment, activities and family-friendly fun.

The club, something of a "hidden treasure" in Haverhill, is keen to extend its welcome to all. With a long and varied range of events lined up for 2014, the club has also recently



WELL WORTH A VISIT: Haverhill Ex-Serviceman's Club has loads of events lined up for 2014 – and a warm welcome is extended to all

had a smart new look, courtesy of a redecoration. With two snooker tables, a spacious beer garden (for those warm summer months, hopefully coming along soon!), five televisions (including two with Sky boxes), there are also two bars which offer drinks at very competitive prices.

Club Secretary Steve Russell says: "We always try to keep

our prices low, and we charge just £2 an hour for snooker, on a really decent table, which is just half the price of the old snooker club."

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What a year it's been!

JANUARY:

■ Councillor Les Ager and Muriel Healey received British Empire Medals (BEM) for their respective services. Cllr Ager received a medal for his services to music in Haverhill, and Muriel Healey was honoured for her work with tenants across Suffolk, as a board member of the Havebury Housing Partnership.

■ Families across Haverhill were left shocked and frightened after a thug attacked a young girl, pouring bleach down her throat. The cowardly attacker cornered his teenage victim in Leather Lane, Haverhill, before cutting her stomach and neck with a piece of glass and force feeding her the bleach.

■ Cllr Guy McGregor, portfolio holder for transport, rejected plans for pedestrianisation of the High Street, despite this being hailed as the best way to stop illegal parking and speeding.

■ Brave members of the public foiled a jewellery shop raid after a man fled from Griffith Jones, Haverhill High Street, with a tray of gold chains. Shop staff, some in their 60s, chased the offender before he was tackled to the ground.

FEBRUARY:

■ The town paid tribute to a rugby stalwart who was found dead. Ian Wade, president of Suffolk Rugby Union, had been associated with Haverhill's Rugby Club for 10 years. Club colleagues expressed their shock and sadness at the death of a "special man" who left behind his wife Alice, two children and grandchildren.

■ A new treatment centre for people with drug and alcohol addiction was launched in Haverhill. Matthew Hancock officially opened the Open Road Haverhill premises in Strasbourg Square.

■ Two Haverhill men were jailed for torching a 400-year-old wedding venue. Thomas Richardson and Mark Hall, both of Pipers Close, were jailed for five and four years respectively for burning down Chilford Hall, Linton, in June 2012.

MARCH:

■ Cllr Guy McGregor was escorted from an SNT meeting by Inspector Peter Ferrie after suggesting a traffic scheme which would make part of Camps Road one-way – cutting High Street traffic by up to 60 per cent. Residents and town councillors accused Cllr McGregor of being "arrogant" and "ignoring the wishes of residents and visitors" by deciding against pedestrianisation of the High Street between 10am and 4pm.

■ A disabled teenager was given an overdose of painkillers during a stay in Addenbrooke's hospital. Scott Harrison, of Linton, was being treated for an eye injury when he was given too much paracetamol on eight separate occasions over two days. The hospital apologised for the 14-year-old's "poor experience" and launched an investigation.

■ A scheme to make all of Haverhill's car parks free after 3pm on Fridays was officially launched. Fridays were chosen to tie in with the town's annual late night shopping evening and Christmas light switch on. A one-year trial was agreed, and started on April 26.

APRIL:

■ Visitors to Linton Zoo were

Reporter DEBRA FOX takes a look back at the stories that made the headlines in 2013



enchanted by the arrival of a rare primate – a baby white-collared lemur. The special baby, a boy, was born to parents Harriet and Jeepster. Linton is home to 10 of only 14 of the lemurs in Europe.

■ Lottery winner Gillian Bayford revealed that she "wanted to bring some fun back to Haverhill" by taking over a play centre. The millionaire bought Cheeky Chimps, on Boundary Road, which closed earlier in the year, disappointing parents and children across town. Mrs Bayford decided to re-open it under the name Rascals Playbarn. It opened in May.

■ Tributes were paid to dad-of-two Dean Cork who was killed after his scooter was involved in a collision with a van. The incident happened at the junction of Skippers Lane and Common Road, West Wrating. Family and friends hailed Mr Cork, who worked for Cambridge City Council, as an "amazing man".

MAY:

■ Building work started on a new special school, situated in the ground of Samuel Ward Academy. The Churchill School, led by Georgina Ellis who is also head at Wickham Brook Primary School, is designed for students with speech, language and communication needs. Students on the autism spectrum, or those suffering with Aspergers Syndrome, will also have a place at Churchill.

■ UKIP took up residence in Haverhill, with councillors from the party claiming two of the town's seats on Suffolk County Council. Cllr Tony Brown was elected for Haverhill East and Kedington, while Cllr Julian Flood took up one of two seats for Haverhill Cangle Ward. The other was taken by Cllr Anne Gower, Conservative.

■ A family was left heartbroken after the death of "kind and cheeky" Bradley Gamble at the junction of Skippers Lane and Common Road, West Wrating. His brothers Daniel and Mitchell told of the 20-year-old's acts of kindness and clowning around. A memorial for Bradley was left opposite that for Dean Cork, who died a month previously.

JUNE:

■ Haverhill's new mayor and deputy officially started work. Cllr Roger André took up the role of mayor with Cllr Maureen Byrne as deputy. Haverhill Foodbank, Lamp H and Gateway were chosen as the mayoral charities for the year.

■ A one-stop for youth services was revealed as the outcome of the town's community budget, as decided by local residents. The ONE Haverhill board worked to consult with the whole community to deliver what they wanted. Residents also expressed an interest in being the eyes and ears of the streets. Haverhill was chosen as one of 12 pilot locations to take part in the community budget scheme.

■ *The Weekly News* revealed plans for the "biggest show Haverhill has ever seen". A show committee, led by local photographer David Doughty got together plans for the town's first ever Summer Bash, which would include baby, cake, dog and flower shows, as well as music, dancing, refreshments and other entertainment.

JULY:

■ Haverhill was shortlisted as one of the UK's 100 'crappiest towns'. Town Mayor Cllr Roger André, Principal of Castle Partnership Academy Trust, Madeleine Vigor and Principal of Samuel Ward Academy Howard Lay were just some of those



Above: Lottery winner Gillian Bayford, left, revealed that she was buying Cheeky Chimps play centre on Boundary Road, in April. She re-named it Rascals. But it closed again in July.
Left: Visitors to Linton Zoo were enchanted by the arrival of a rare primate – a baby white-collared lemur – in April.

standing up for the town, praising its improvements and developments.

■ Rascals Playbarn, bought by lottery winner Gillian Bayford, mysteriously closed due to "unforeseen circumstances" much to the disappointment of parents and children. Co-owner Cindy Smith thanked staff for their hard work while messages poured in over Facebook.

■ Haverhill Town Council revealed that they hoped to turn the town's old police station and magistrates' court into the youth centre, as requested in the community budget.

■ Thousands of people descended on the Recreation Ground for the first ever Summer Bash. It was later revealed that the successful event raised £4,000 for chosen beneficiaries Lamp H, the food bank, the scouts and guides and the elderly. Plans are already in place for next year's event.

AUGUST:

■ A local mum-of-one stepped in to take over Rascals Playbarn, formerly run by lottery winner Gillian Bayford, who said she "could not give the project the time it needs". Toni Simpkin said she wanted to bring a lot to the town for local families.

■ Listeners across the globe tuned in to Daniel Bell and Callum Sutton's record-breaking radio broadcast attempt. The duo went live from the Days Inn Haverhill for 75 hours to raise money for Help for Heroes.

■ Callum Jefferson, 17, told *The Weekly News* how he was living life to the full after breaking his neck a year before. Paralysed from the chest down, Callum had an accident while free running on a tree. The family is trying to raise £37,000 to build an extension to their home.

SEPTEMBER:

■ Haverhill Town Council revealed

plans for a new clock and invited the public to get involved with choosing the design. The idea came after Haverhill's old clock was taken down and never replaced.

■ UKIP councillor Tony Brown started a bid to renovate the town's old Corn Exchange building into a history and heritage centre for Haverhill.

■ It emerged that a "racist joke" had been the starting factor in the resignation of UKIP town councillor Bryan Hawes. Mr Hawes said he apologised for his remark when he was told it had caused offence, and a formal complaint was made.

■ Draft versions of Vision 2031 documents for Haverhill were passed through by the borough council without any of the public's objections being noted. While councillors called for the plans to be looked at again, the borough council said that all comments will be looked at by the planning inspector.

OCTOBER:

■ Haverhill Town Council prepared to lose £129,000 in funding as St Edmundsbury Borough Council passed a motion to reduce the amount of money given to town and parish authorities. The borough were criticised for not consulting with the local councils before making the cut.

■ A pensioner from Haverhill was given a 10-year ban from keeping animals after two of his dogs were rescued by the RSPCA. John Staples pleaded guilty to ignoring the needs of his pet dogs. One dog was put to sleep and the other is too nervous to be rehomed. The 78-year-old was ordered to pay £250 and had to rehome all of his other pets.

■ Rough sleepers were put into accommodation after sleeping rough on Duddery Hill allotments



Above left: A scheme to make all of Haverhill's car parks free after 3pm on Fridays was launched in March. **Above right:** Daniel Bell and Callum Sutton's record-breaking radio broadcast in August

for five months. PCSO Lorna Chapman took on the case of the two men, both foreign nationals.

■ A new town councillor was elected to Haverhill North after the resignation of Bryan Hawes. Barry Robbins, also UKIP, was voted in on October 10.

■ Haverhill mourned the loss of much-loved town and borough councillor Les Ager who died following a battle with lymphoma. Tributes from colleagues, family, friends and organisations across town came pouring in.

NOVEMBER:

■ Historic cottages on Haverhill High Street were saved from being demolished. An application by Havebury Housing was refused by the borough council, and the housing association decided instead to put the cottages up for auction, in the hope of getting them renovated.

■ A consultation into the future of Haverhill's Town Centre was branded "a waste of money" by Town Mayor Cllr Roger André. The process, carried out by Suffolk County Council, will be incorporated into the master plan for the town, but Cllr André said it did not uncover anything that residents did not know, or had not asked for.



Above: UKIP councillor Tony Brown started a bid to renovate the town's old Corn Exchange building into a history and heritage centre in August
Right: Historic cottages on Haverhill High Street made the headlines towards the end of the year

■ Lottery winners Adrian and Gillian Bayford announced they were divorcing – but said that that an affair was not behind the breakdown of their marriage. The couple, who scooped the second biggest lottery win ever, had stayed in the area in a £6 million Georgian mansion. Mr Bayford reportedly moved a 10 minute drive away from the family home after the split.

■ An experimental traffic order is coming to Haverhill in early 2014 as a

way of combatting unwanted traffic on the High Street. The order, which makes part of Camps Road one-way, heading westbound and part of Mill Road one-way heading southbound, is supposed to cut High Street traffic.

DECEMBER:

■ Mum-of-three Melanie Turnbull launched a campaign alongside PCSO Kayla Packman to stop parents parking illegally outside Burton End and St Felix Primary Schools. Police



officers decided to issue those parking across the pedestrian with £100 fixed penalty notices, which carry an endorsement of three points.

■ Children from Haverhill's primary schools designed new Christmas lights for the town. They were switched on by pantomime's Snow White (played by Katie Bass) on December 6 to tie in with the town's late night shopping and fireworks display.

■ Historic cottages on Haverhill

High Street were sold at auction to a local man for £51,000. Havebury Housing will instead build four flats on the cottage site, and a communal courtyard for all of the properties to share.

■ Families paid tribute to two Haverhill men killed on the same day on the county's roads. Peter James, 26, died when his car hit a tree in Homefield Road and Chris Waters, also 26, died when walking home along the A134 at Assington.



Above: Haverhill mourned the loss of much-loved town and borough councillor Les Ager in October
Right: The town's first Summer Bash was a huge hit in July



NEWS IN BRIEF

Fire strike tomorrow

A REDUCED service will operate tomorrow across the county during another fire strike.

Officers will strike between 6.30-8.30am. There will be 21 fire stations of Suffolk's 35 in business tomorrow during the reduced service period.

Residents are being reminded to be vigilant.

Arrests made for burglary

TWO men have been arrested and bailed on suspicion of burglary.

A 48-year-old man from Haverhill and a 24-year-old man from London were taken to Bury St Edmunds Police Investigation Centre following an incident between December 11 and 12 at a property in Broadcroft Crescent. They have been bailed until February 5.

Children's book quiz at library

KEEN readers are being asked to test their book knowledge in a quiz.

Haverhill Library is holding a book quiz for children, with 20 questions to answer and prizes up for grabs.

First prize is a Kindle, second prize is Cineworld tickets and third prize is a national book token.

Deadline is January 12.

Street collection for hospice

VOLUNTEERS helped to raise nearly £600 for St Nicholas Hospice Care.

The helpers took to Haverhill town centre with buckets in a bid to collect as much spare change as possible.

Haverhill Round Table's Christmas sleigh helped the cause by drawing the crowds. They raised £576.18

£2,500 for charity, thanks to a haircut



DONATION: From left, are Aisha Hunt, from Arthur Rank, Mike Roughead, from The White Lion in Sawston, and Heather Magill

A HOSPICE nurse who shaved her head to empathise with her patients has raised more than £2,500.

Heather Magill, 54, went to her hairdresser for the chop in September in the hope that her new style would help her understand what patients go through following chemotherapy.

The nurse works for a "hospice at home" project which enables those suffering with illness to spend their remaining days with family at home.

There are eight nurses and 15 healthcare assistants on the team but it costs £250 to cover a nine hour night shift in the community.

Heather, of Raine Avenue, Haverhill, has raised £2,572 with her new look.

The White Lion, in Sawston, helped reach the total by holding a motown disco fund-

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raiser.

Mike Roughead, landlord, said: "I have visited patients at the hospice before and know what a good job they do there, so it was a great opportunity to support and worthy cause and one of my loyal customers."

Heather said: "I am absolutely delighted and so proud to have raised so much in memory of my son in law's mum.

"Mike and his team have been fantastic and I would like to say a big thank you to them and everyone else who contributed.

"I embraced losing my hair and after a while just forgot about it."

The "hospice at home project" is funded by Arthur Rank, and was set up three years ago.

New NHS campaign launched

THOSE with minor injuries and illnesses are being encouraged to choose the correct health care options.

A new advert, commissioned by NHS West Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and the NHS Ipswich and East Suffolk CCG, highlights the consequences of when an emergency department is used for minor injuries.

It has been running in cinemas since December 19, and will air for the last time today.

The advert depicts emergency department staff treating minor health injuries instead of a seriously ill young girl.

Dr Christopher Browning, chairman of West Suffolk CCG said: "We have commissioned this advert to run during the busy winter period when there is extra pressure placed on the NHS and its staff.

"There are a number of options available to people including self-care at home, calling NHS 111, visiting their local pharmacy or making an appointment with their GP surgery.

Basically, only go to the emergency department in an emergency situation."

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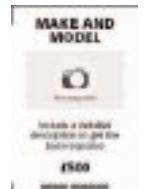
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Make a date with SuBo

BRITAIN'S Got Talent and tabloid darling Susan Boyle (affectionately called SuBo) has announced her UK tour for 2014, and aren't we lucky... she's heading to the Cambridge Corn Exchange in April.

The Scottish singer broke into public consciousness in 2009 after appearing on the brutal (and really quite excruciating to watch) talent show, performing *I Dreamed a Dream* from *Les Misérables* brilliantly well – much to the general surprise of the judges and the audience.

A hop skip and a makeover later, she found herself being beaten by Diversity but nabbed a record deal and a worldwide following anyway.

Several tours and several million YouTube hits later (plus more *Daily Mail* articles than any human would care to count), Boyle shows no sign of disappearing (in fact she even starred in a film last year, *The Christmas Candle*).

See her in action in Cambridge on Wednesday, April 16. Tickets cost £45 from (01223) 357851 / www.cornex.co.uk.

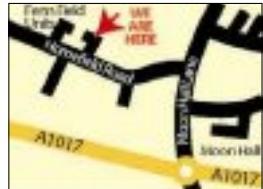


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Miles Kane
March

Coming in 2014

MILES Kane, co-frontman of The Last Shadow Puppets (alongside Arctic Monkeys' Alex Turner) and former frontman of The Rascals, is embarking on a solo tour, which is set to include a visit to Cambridge Junction.

Born in Merseyside, the 27-year-old has a serious knack for playing guitar – and going out with models

(namely Agyness Deyn and Suki Waterhouse) – but it's his voice, and his rather brilliantly cut suits, that make him.

His debut solo album, *Colour of the Trap*, came out in 2011, followed by this year's widely acclaimed *Don't Forget Who You Are*; major hints of John Lennon, Liam Gallagher and Paul Weller thrown in for good measure.

Arctic Monkeys have booked him as their support act in May, so you know he must be absolutely awesome live, but this guy doesn't just have famous mates. He's got shed loads of talent too.

Catch the show on Sunday, March 30 at 7pm.

Tickets are available from (01223) 511511 / junction.co.uk



Lonely the Brave
February

CAMBRIDGE-born five-piece Lonely the Brave are slowly but surely taking the rock scene by storm – and have just announced they'll be playing a homecoming headline gig at Cambridge Junction in February.

Influenced by the likes of The National

and Deftones, they're made up of Mark Trotter on guitar, Andrew Bushen on bass, unconventional singer David Jakes (he fronts the band from the back of the stage), Gavin "Mo" Edgeley on drums and second guitarist Joel Mason, they've got the

support of Zane Lowe and Daniel P Carter and are currently on tour with Don Broco.

You'll be able to see them play the Junction on Saturday, February 8 at 8pm. Tickets cost £8 from (01223) 511511 / junction.co.uk

film of the week

MANDELA: LONG WALK TO FREEDOM

certificate 12A, 2h26m

IT'S tempting to allow the profound sense of loss that greeted the death of Nelson Mandela on December 5, 2013, to fog critical judgement of Justin Chadwick's worthy biopic.

Mandela: Long Walk To Freedom is reverential and respectful, adapted from Mandela's memoirs of the same name by Oscar-nominated screenwriter William Nicholson (*Gladiator*, *Shadowlands*). There is nothing here to desecrate the memory of the South African statesman, who was a lynchpin in the abolition of apartheid.

Equally, Chadwick's gallop through 52 years of turmoil doesn't delve into the minutiae of a flawed human being behind the myth. It's a handsomely crafted yet emotionally underwhelming skim-read of important historical footnotes. Mandela's 27-year incarceration, most of it on Robben Island, accounts for around 40 minutes of the earnest picture but feels considerably longer.

The film opens in the Xhosa village of Mandela's youth with a slow-motion tribal ritual that ushers Nelson into manhood.

We jump forward to 1942 Johannesburg, where Mandela (Idris Elba) is an idealistic lawyer, whose eyes are gradually opened to the harsh reality of an unfair justice system.



He weds nurse Evelyn Mase (Terry Pheto) and they raise a family but the marriage buckles under the strain of his increasing involvement with the African National Congress (ANC).

They divorce in 1958 as Mandela and his ANC brothers stand trial for treason – the same year he meets, courts and marries social worker Winnie Madikizela (Naomie Harris), who passionately believes in his crusade.

"If they want a war, we will give them a war," Nelson asserts, abandoning his pacifist leanings in the aftermath of the Sharpeville massacre in 1960, which results in the deaths of 69 black protesters.

The ANC begins a sabotage campaign, meeting violence with violence, and Nelson is sentenced to life in prison alongside fellow activists including Walter Sisulu (Tony Kgoroge), Ahmed Kathrada (Riaad Moosa), Raymond Mhlaba (Zolani Mkiva) and Andrew Mlangeni (Simo Mogwaza).

Culminating in Mandela's release from prison and the 1994 elections, *Long Walk To Freedom* tips its hat to key facts we already knew.

There is a heart-rending scene of Mandela receiving a telegram informing him of the death of his firstborn son Thembu in a car accident, and iconic scenes of a grey-haired

Mandela and Winnie walking hand-in-hand out of Victor Verster prison.

Elba is more physically imposing than his subject but he captures the cadences of Mandela's speech and delivers rousing calls to arms with aplomb.

Harris is equally impressive as the woman who was wrenching away from her children and suffered physical and emotional abuse to break her spirit.

The 146-minute running is both too brief to summarise Mandela's entire life and too long to sustain key episodes that Nicholson chooses as his narrative.

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the disastrous food storm in the first film, with Flint accepting an invitation from his idol Chester V to join The Live Corp Company, which has been tasked to clean the island.

Events to watch out for include Roger Simpson's series of 10 lectures that explore comic art and satire that lay at the heart of Englishness from Wednesday January 15 through to Wednesday April 19 at 2pm. More panto fun with Centre Stage Company's THE PIED PIPER (various dates between Saturday January 25 to Saturday February 1) with great songs, energetic dancing and terrible jokes, a show for the whole family to enjoy.

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Designs on a new garden

IF YOU'VE had time over the festive season to leaf through those gardening book gifts, or to visit a public garden and walk off those Christmas excesses, you'll hopefully be awash with innovative ideas on designs to replicate in your own garden in the new year.

If you are redesigning an established garden, you can retain mature features, moving large shrubs and border plants to create an immediate effect. The proportion of plants and features to open space in the garden is all-important and the general rule is one-third planting to two-thirds space. You need that space to properly be able to see your garden and all its features.

Yet the garden can consist of many elements. Even a small garden could incorporate a mixture of different aspects, from lawn and paving to gravel, water and pebbles. If you have a tiny garden, think about incorporating vertical planting, using climbers to bring colour and texture upwards, or make your garden seem larger with the use of mirrors.

Vertical dimension will prevent an otherwise flat area from looking boring. In a large garden,



by Hannah Stephenson

for example, tall trees will take the eye upwards, while in a medium-sized garden pergolas, arches and arbours are useful devices.

Consider using a few bold focal points to draw the eye across the garden at an angle, which can help to overcome the shortcomings of a really tiny space. Drawing the eye to focal points elsewhere can also detract attention from an unattractive object or area, rather than attempting to screen it.

If your garden is big enough to incorporate beds and borders, make sure they aren't too narrow. Too many plants end up cramped between fences and lawn in boring, straight borders which do nothing for the plants or the view. Think about introducing interesting curves to your borders to give them a more fluid feel.

The minimum width for a border should be around 1m (40in) and even with that, you'll be limited to dwarf shrubs and fairly small perennials. If your design includes three layers of planting in a bed, you'll need an area of at least 3m squared.

You may think that planting the tallest plants at



the back of the border and graduating until you have the smallest plants at the front is the best way to go, but there are certain plants you can use to break with tradition.

Height in the foreground, as long as it doesn't block the line of vision, increases perspective and can make the garden seem longer. For this you can use wispy grasses such as *Stipa gigantea*, or perennials that produce light flower spikes such as *Digitalis lutea*, or see-through specimens such as *Verbena bonariensis*, which don't block the view of what's behind them.

Long, narrow gardens can often be improved by dividing the area into several smaller sections, using hedges, low walls, raised beds or shrub borders that extend into the garden and prevent the eye being taken in a straight line to the end. Each area might incorporate a different theme, such as scent, water, herbs or flowers.

Of course, before any project can start, con-

sider the type of gardener you are. Do you want a low-maintenance plot, or one you can endlessly potter in? How much time will you realistically be able to spend each week maintaining that space?

Draw up a plan either on a computer or with pencil and (preferably graph or squared) paper, to make an outline of the existing garden and its dimensions. Include existing features you want to keep and potential obstacles such as manhole covers which you'll need to work around. Mark the direction of the sun, where it falls at particular times of the day and any permanent shadow. Then put tracing paper over the original plan and sketch ideas of your own, experimenting with layout and plantings, bearing in mind what the vista will look like from the house, both downstairs and upstairs.

And don't make it too complicated. Remember clean lines and simple shapes will always work best – in design, less is often more.

puzzles

crossword

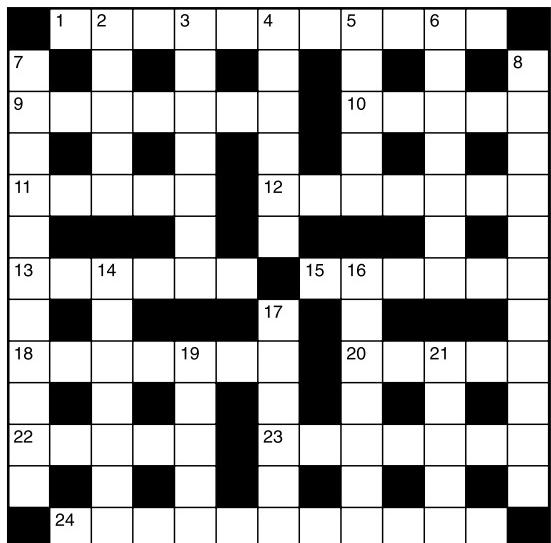
- 1. Warned Liszt to move here (11)
- 9. Otherwise the wise men return with one oriental art (7)
- 10. Russian writer dancing with a student (5)
- 11. Girl is finding company at the nightclub (5)
- 12. Cocktail, but not a Black Russian (7)
- 13. Was successful in the exam, working with spades (6)
- 15. It's very good when the Queen goes into rebuilt pubs (6)
- 18. The IRA came to settle in this country (7)
- 20. And no change for the girl (5)
- 22. The Spanish have ten to praise (5)
- 23. Continental like me, with a nervous twitch (7)
- 24. Surfing leap made in part of the Arabian Sea (7,4)

ACROSS

- 2. They may be served after breaking a wrist (5)
- 3. What happened before high tea in the garden? (3,4)

- 4. Puzzle out in game (6)
- 5. It's not unlawful for the French prisoner to get up (5)
- 6. Untidy thing that is for the retiring (7)
- 7. Is it heard at the cricket ground when England are losing? (5,6)
- 8. I love to tidy up the department as a sign of peace (5,6)
- 14. Respect new staff (7)
- 16. Ruin the opening (7)
- 17. Criticise a mother's hat (6)
- 19. Some of these sound silly (5)
- 21. Two men from Labour? (5)

Last week's answers: Across: 1 Schnapps; 5 Ogre; 9 Aria; 10 Colossal; 11 Repel; 12 Orphans; 13 Station-wagons; 18 Averages; 19 Logs; 20 Naïvete; 21 Shore; 22 Days; 23 Stendhal. Down: 2 Current; 3 Nearest; 4 Pronouncement; 6 Gestapo; 7 Enlists; 8 Hoopla; 13 Stained; 14 Amenity; 15 Isabel; 16 Galahad; 17 Nigeria.



sudoku

Last week's answer:

7	8	1	6	2	5	9	3	4
9	4	3	7	1	8	2	6	5
6	5	2	9	3	4	8	1	7
8	3	4	5	9	1	7	2	6
2	6	5	8	4	7	1	9	3
1	7	9	3	6	2	5	4	8
5	9	6	2	8	3	4	7	1
4	2	8	1	7	6	3	5	9
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Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters

niner

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

The clues

- 641 gives a meat
- 5248 gives a fruit
- 57343729 gives vegetables

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(Abridged)

Friday 7 February • 7.30pm
Nashville Nights and Dixie Days
Thursday 13 February • 7.00pm
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Coriolanus

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Friday 3 January • 2.30pm
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SATURDAY

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Food & Drink.
12.00pm Football Focus. 12.45 Saturday Sportday. 1.00 BBC News;
Regional News; Weather. 1.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.45 Escape to the Country.
2.30 Live Darts: BDO World Championships. Coverage of the opening day of the tournament. 4.30 Final Score. 5.10 Frozen Planet.

6.10 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.30 Celebrity Mastermind.

7.00 Pointless Celebrities.
Featuring actors from Grange Hill, Waterloo Road and The Demon Headmaster.

7.50 The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins. New series. Game show in which strangers pair up to win money.

8.40 Casualty. Fletch witnesses an explosion at a bar.

9.30 Catherine Tate's Nan. 10.05 BBC News; Weather.

10.25 FILM: Little Fockers (2010) Premiere. Comedy sequel, starring Ben Stiller and Robert De Niro; National Lottery Update.

11.55 FILM: Romance & Cigarettes (2005). Musical drama, starring James Gandolfini, Susan Sarandon and Kate Winslet.

1.35am Weatherview. 1.40 BBC News.

BBC2

6.05am FILM: My Fake Fiance (2009). Romantic comedy, with Melissa Joan Hart and Joseph Lawrence. 7.30 FILM: Stick It (2006). Sporting comedy, starring Missy Pereyra and Jeff Bridges. 9.10 Life on Earth. 11.00 Fred Dibnah's Made in Britain. 11.30 Great British Railway Journeys. 12.00pm Paul Hollywood's Pies & Puds. 1.30 FILM: The Horse Whisperer (1998). Drama, starring Robert Redford. 4.10 Coast. 4.30 Live Darts: BDO World

Championships. Further coverage of the opening day of the tournament.

5.30 James May's Toy Stories: The Motorcycle Diary. 6.30 Flog It!

7.30 Dad's Army. Godfrey is accused of cowardice.

8.00 Morecambe & Wise: Leading Ladies. Female stars who appeared on the comedy duo's shows.

Dave Allen: God's Own Comedian. A look at the life, career and legacy of the Irish writer and performer.

Dave Allen: The Immaculate Selection. Memorable routines by the comedian.

Dave Allen in Search of the English Eccentric. 11.00 Darts: BDO World Championships.

12.45am Darts Extra. 2.45 This Is BBC2.

ITV

6.00am CITV. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 Dinner Date. 10.25 Murder, She Wrote. 11.25 ITV News and Weather; Weather. 11.35 The Chase. 12.40pm Midsomer Murders. 2.45 Show Me the Telly. 3.45 You've Been Framed! 4.15 ITV News Anglia; Weather. 4.30 ITV News and Weather. 4.45 Live FA Cup Football. Arsenal v Tottenham Hotspur (Kick-off 5.15pm).

7.20 Splash! New series. Vernon Kay and Gabby Logan return with the celebrity diving contest, challenging a new line-up of stars to jump in at the deep end under the guidance of Tom Daley.

Take Me Out. New series. An IT consultant, an entrepreneur, a daredevil dad and a student try to impress 30 single women and win a date to the Isle of Fernandos.

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ITV News and Weather.

Dancing on Ice. 8.30pm

10.00 ITV News and Weather.

12.35am Jackpot247. 3.00 Ladette to Lady. Australia. 3.45 ITV NightScreen.

1.40am Fresh Meat. 2.25 Hollyoaks.

4.30 Suburgatory. 5.00 90210.

5.35 Deal or No Deal.

CHANNEL 4

6.00am The Treacle People. 6.10 Little Wolf's Book of Badness. 6.35 FILM: Arctic Tale (2007). Documentary on Arctic wildlife. 8.00 The Morning Line. 9.00 The American Football Show. 10.00 How I Met Your Mother. 11.00 The Big Bang Theory. 12.00pm The Simpsons. 12.30 Jamie's Festive Feast. 1.30 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Sandown Park and Wincanton. 4.00 Come Dine with Me.

6.35 Channel 4 News.

Speed with Guy Martin. The motorcycle racer takes part in four adrenaline-fuelled challenges, beginning with an attempt to break the British record for outright speed on a bicycle.

8.00 New Secrets of the Terracotta Warriors – Secret History. Recent discoveries about China's Terracotta Army sculptures, unearthed in 1974.

9.00 FILM: Robin Hood (2010). Medieval adventure, with Russell Crowe and Cate Blanchett.

11.45 Charlie Brooker's How Videogames Changed the World. The broadcaster delves into the history of the games industry.

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CHANNEL 5

6.00am Milkshake! 10.00 Power Rangers: Megaforce. 10.35 Slugterra. 11.00 Jungle Babies: Tarsier Tails. 11.30 Celebrity Big Brother. Live Launch. 1.25pm FILM: Columbo: Try and Catch Me (1977). Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. 3.00 FILM: Columbo: A Case of Immunity (1975). Detective drama, starring Peter Falk. 4.25 Diagnosis Murder.

6.20 Mr & Mrs Murder.

7.10 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. Two siblings confess to a schoolgirl's murder.

8.00 NCIS. The team tries to prove Ziva had nothing to do with a political assassination carried out by her former Mossad partner – but has to tackle the case without Gibbs's guidance.

9.55 5 News Weekend.

Celebrity Big Brother. Highlights of the famous housemates' past 24 hours.

11.00 Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Psych. New series. Psychological analysis of the housemates' behaviour.

12.00am SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. 3.05 True CSI.

4.00 Wildlife SOS. 4.25 Make It Big.

4.50 Roary the Racing Car. 5.00 Angels of Jarm. 5.10 Hana's HelpLine. 5.20 Angels of Jarm. 5.25 The Funky Valley Show. 5.40 Roary the Racing Car. 5.50 Hana's HelpLine.



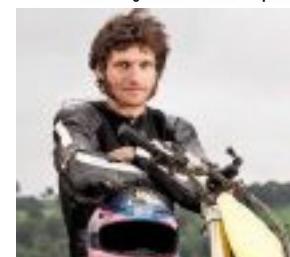
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SUNDAY

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast. 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 The Big Questions. 11.00 Homes Under the Hammer. 12.00pm Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.15 Moving On. 2.00 Escape to the Country. 2.45 Helicopter Heroes. 3.15 That Puppet Game Show. 4.00 Songs of Praise. 4.35 Dolphins – Spy in the Pod. 5.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.00 Countryfile.

7.00 Celebrity Mastermind.

With Fred MacAulay, Mark Billingham, Georgia Henshaw and Charles Collingwood.

7.30 Antiques Roadshow. From the Royal Ballet School in Richmond Park, London.

8.30 Sherlock. The brooding detective is kept busy as best man on John and Mary's wedding day – but it soon turns out his duties involve stopping a killer who is stalking the reception.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Mrs Brown's Boys New Year Special. The doting mother gets a new house guest – a homeless parrot.

11.05 FILM: Good Will Hunting (1997). Drama, starring Matt Damon, Robin Williams and Minnie Driver.

1.05am Weatherview. 1.10 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00am This Is BBC2. 6.10 FILM: Odette (1950). Fact-based Second World War drama, with Anna Neagle. 8.05 Monty Don's French Gardens. 9.05 Countryfile. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 11.30 Paul Hollywood's Pies & Puds. 1.00pm Live Darts: BDO World Championships. Coverage of the second day of the tournament. 5.00

Ski Sunday. 5.45 FILM: Catch Me If You Can (2002). Drama, starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Tom Hanks.

8.00 Nature's Weirdest Events. Bears turning to a life of crime and fish attacking birds on land. Last in the series.

9.00 Operation Grand Canyon with Dan Snow. Part one of two. The historian joins a team recreating a pioneering 280-mile expedition through the natural wonder that was led by explorer John Wesley Powell in 1869.

10.00 Charli Brooker's 2013 Wipe. A satirical look back at the past 12 months.

11.00 Darts: BDO World Championships. Action from the second day at the Lakeside Country Club.

11.50 Darts Extra. Day two of the BDO World Championships.

1.05am Sign Zone: Countryfile. 2.45 Sign Zone: Holby City. 3.45 This Is BBC2.

ITV

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6.00 ITV News and Weather.

Dancing on Ice.

7.45 All Star Family Fortunes.

With Kimberley Walsh and Wayne Sleep.

Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off.

New series. A double elimination.

9.00 All New It'll Be Alright on the Night. Griff Rhys Jones presents a collection of TV bloopers, featuring moments from Coronation Street, Emmerdale and Dancing on Ice, as well as never-before-seen royal clangers.

10.00 ITV News at Ten and Weather.

10.15 Birds of a Feather. ITV's revival of the hit BBC sitcom.

10.45 FA Cup Football Highlights.

Action from today's third-round matches.

11.45 Premiership Rugby Union.

12.40am The Store. 2.40 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 4.05 ITV NightScreen. 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show.

12.55am FILM: Waltz with Bashir (2008). Animated documentary, directed by Ari Folman. 2.30 Coming Up.

3.00 How Not to Get Old. 3.35 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. 4.50 Deal or No Deal. 5.45 Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard.

CHANNEL 4

6.30am FILM: Barnyard (2006). Animated comedy, with the voice of Kevin James. 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. 8.30 Frasier. 9.30 Sunday Brunch. 12.30pm How I Met Your Mother. 1.30 The Big Bang Theory. 2.30 The Simpsons. 3.30 FILM: Edward Scissorhands (1990). Tim Burton's fantasy, starring Johnny Depp and Winona Ryder. 5.35 Channel 4 News.

6.05 Deal or No Deal.

Shipping Wars.

Documentary following delivery firms that cater for the eBay generation, picking up and dropping off a wide range of complicated, seemingly un-shippable loads.

8.00 Speed with Guy Martin.

The racer attempts to set the world record for riding a motorcycle on water.

9.00 FILM: Bad Teacher (2011). Premiere. Comedy, starring Cameron Diaz and Justin Timberlake.

Rude Tube: Welcome to 2014. Alex Zane welcomes in the New Year with 100 internet clips.

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6.40 FILM: Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous (2005). Comedy sequel, starring Sandra Bullock.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

Celebrity Big Brother. The ups and downs of life in the BB house as friendships and alliances are made, battle lines are drawn and arguments erupt.

10.00 Most Shocking Celebrity Moments 2013.

Countdown of the year's biggest showbusiness stories and scandals, including Justin Bieber's troubles and Miley Cyrus's controversial performance at the VMAs.

12.55am SuperCasino. 3.05 True CSI.

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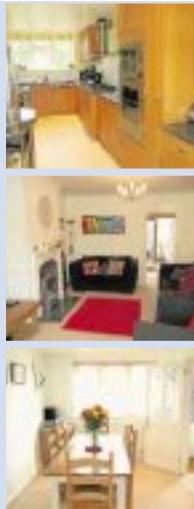
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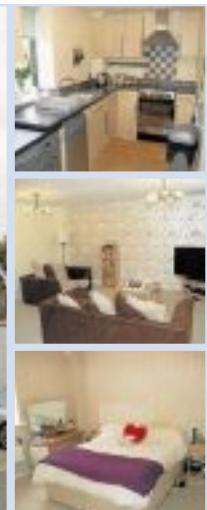


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Terraced family house on the popular Chalkstone development offering lounge, dining room, kitchen, conservatory, three bedrooms, family bathroom, UPVC double glazed windows & doors (where stated), the loft has been insulated and part boarded, g/f ch and enclosed rear garden.

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ONWARD
CHAIN

Shetland Road £167,500

Semi-detached family house offering L-shaped lounge/diner, kitchen, lean to conservatory, three bedrooms, bathroom, g/f ch, part converted garage, front & rear gardens & no onward chain. EPC Rating D, 59

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CHAIN

Kings Meadow, Kedington £149,950

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Yeldham Place £189,995

Linked detached family house offering: lounge/dining room, g/f cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, lean to conservatory, three bedrooms, bathroom, UPVC double glazing (where stated), g/f ch and enclosed rear garden. EPC D, 65



Downs Place £142,000

Terraced family house located close to town offering lounge, dining room, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, front & rear gardens, g/f ch & shingled parking to the rear. Offered with no onward chain. EPC Rating D, 55



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Terraced family house offering: lounge, kitchen/dining area, sunroom, three bedrooms, family bathroom, UPVC double glazed windows & doors (where stated), front & un-overlooked rear gardens. In need of some modernisation. No onward Chain. EPC rating: E, 44



Drury Lane, Ridgewell £174,950

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Dash End, Kedington £189,950

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Your Guide to Moving Home

Moving home can be a complicated business and in the hectic run up to the big day it is all too easy to forget something vital.

The team offers their readers this handy checklist to help avoid any major pitfalls.

We suggest you tick them off as you go....

1 4-2 WEEKS TO GO:

- Packing** – start packing and sorting through your belongings. Now is a good time to de-clutter and pack items rarely used. Make sure you have plenty of sturdy boxes, bubble wrap and sticky tape.
- Removal companies** – get estimates from removal companies, checking that comprehensive insurance cover is available against damage or loss. Is there a packing and unpacking service? Confirm the date of your move with the firm you have chosen.
- Insurance** – check on your home contents insurance policies to ensure that you are covered for the move, and covered at your new address.
- Utilities** – make arrangements for your gas and electricity meters (plus water meters where relevant) to be read and all your appliances to be disconnected on the day of your move. Arrange to take over gas and electricity at your new address, and make sure that all appliances will be properly fitted, plumbed or connected.
- Telecommunications** – Notify your telephone and broadband provider and ask them to make the necessary arrangements for a final account at your present address, and for taking over or installing telephone and broadband facilities at your new home.
- Post** – Look into re-directing your post for a few months to make sure you receive all relevant correspondence.
- Children** – Look into the possibility of your children, especially young children, staying with family or friends on the day of the move.
- Pets** – Make arrangements for any pets to be booked into a cattery or kennels if required. Having your pets microchipped is a good idea and if already microchipped, have the address changed to your new one. Your vet can advise on this.

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Change of address – tell companies and organisations that you are moving!

Notify:

- Employer
- Inland revenue
- Local council
- Banks or Building Societies
- Credit companies, store cards & other accounts
- Gas, Electricity and water boards
- Insurance companies
- Land / mobile phones
- Internet and cable / satellite TV providers
- Doctor, Dentist and Opticians
- DVLA
- Veterinary surgery
- TV Licensing

3 1 WEEK TO GO:

- Delivery address** – change delivery address of your Cambridge News, milk, groceries and fuel to your new address as appropriate.
- Laundry** – do any last minute laundry that you can – have you arranged for a plumber to disconnect your washing machine correctly?

4 2-1 DAYS TO GO:

- Packing** – pack a bag for overnight essentials and toiletries and finish all remaining packing into boxes. Remember to label which room each box is destined for.
- Snack box** – pack a box for the kitchen to include essentials like tea, coffee and sugar, as well as the kettle and mugs! Also include other snacks as necessary.
- Dismantle and disconnect** – take down curtains, fixtures and fittings and disconnect white goods ready for transport.
- Outdoor items** – make sure that these are stacked together and ready to be moved.
- Mobile** – place your mobile on charge the night before moving and ensure that all relevant people have your number.

5 ON MOVING DAY: AT YOUR OLD ADDRESS:

- Strip beds and pack bedding and nightclothes.
- Finish packing toiletries box.
- Direct removal firm personnel or friends helping you move as to what needs to be done.
- Turn off electric appliances.
- Disconnect cooker.
- Turn off boiler / central heating.
- Turn off water.
- Read gas meter.
- Read electricity meter.
- Secure all windows.
- Lock all doors.
- Make final checks and leave key as arranged with new owners.

AT YOUR NEW HOME:

- Open up & have a look around the new house.
- Locate fuse box, gas and electric meter and stop cock for reference.
- Take readings on gas, electric and water meters as appropriate.
- Organise the direction of boxes to appropriate rooms.
- Check the van after all is unloaded.
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> Golf: Haverhill GC round-up



Handover: Left – Left to right, Haverhill Golf Club's 2013 captains Gordon Price and Sheila Price with 2014 captains Theresa Spittle and Bob Spittle. Right – Haverhill Golf Club's handover winners, left to right, club captain Gordon Price with Andy Fish and Lyn Fish.

ERIC Armstrong was the winner of Haverhill Golf Club's IFF Challenge Stableford with a score of 37 points.

He was the top performer in Division One as he reduced his handicap by a shot to 10, while Ivan Drury and Ian Andrews topped Division Two and Three respectively.

Craig Sisson and Colin Bradnam registered nett 68 to win the CAB Edwards Cup by a single

Armstrong is up for the challenge

shot from Bob Spittle and Graham Ashcroft, who pipped Don Simpson and Mike Goldsmith to second spot on countback.

The club's vice-president Steve Ward and immediate past lady captain Doreen Darbey hosted their international match between

England and Scotland.

Both sides battled in very blustery conditions and it was Scotland who came up trumps with 53 points, with last year's winners England having to settle for 44.

Lyn Fish, Andy Fish, Jason West and Paul

Houchen were the clear winners of the shotgun stableford event to mark the end-of-year captains' handover event.

An auction held by the club's head professional Paul Wilby after the competition raised £455 for Diabetes UK, with the club captain Gordon Price thanking all the members for their support and generosity throughout 2013.

> Football: Thurlow Nunn League

Wilkinson's goal is in vain as Rovers lose out

THIRD-PLACED Haverhill Rovers suffered a setback on Saturday as they endured a 2-1 loss at the hands of CRC in the Thurlow Nunn League, Premier Division.

Matt Lowe and James Akintunde scored for the visitors, with Jack Wilkinson netting Rovers' goal.

In the First Division, Haverhill Borough beat Long Melford 2-1 with Martin Westcott's header deep into stoppage time

securing the win against his former club.

Long Melford opened the scoring on the half-hour mark and it was not until the 74th minute that Borough drew level. Haverhill were awarded a penalty following a handball and although Harry O'Connor's effort was saved, Aaron Forshaw buried the rebound.

Long Melford were reduced to 10 men in the 80th minute after one of their players was sent off for dissent and Westcott ensured they paid the price with his late winner.

Rovers travel to Brightlingsea this Saturday, while Borough are at home to Needham Market reserves.

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